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FOR ARA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RYAN

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SUBJECT: MEXICAN RESOLUTION ON BELIZE

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1. I SAW RABASA AT AN INTIMATE DINNER PARTY LAST NIGHT AND HE AT ONCE DREW ME ASIDE TO ASK FOR WHAT REACTION I HAD HAD FROM WASHINGTON RE MEXICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON BELIZE. I HAD HOPED TO DELAY SPEAKING WITH HIM ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS UNDERGOING FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN THE DEPARTMENT, BUT FACED WITH HIS DIRECT QUESTION, I TOLD HIM THAT WHILE WE HAD NO FINAL POSITION AS YET THE TENDENCY SEEMED TO BE THAT U.S. SHOULD REFRAIN FROM IDENTIFYING ITSELF WITH ANY PARTICULAR RESOLUTION AT THIS TIME IN ORDER TO PRESERVE OUR POSITION AS COUNSELOR OF MODERATION TO BOTH SIDES.

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2. RABASA INTERRUPTED ME WITH WHAT WAS, IN OUR

RELATIONSHIP, AN UNCHARACTERISTIC FLASH OF ANGER. OBSERVING THAT U.S. IS CONSTANTLY ASKING FOR MEXICAN SUPPORT ON ONE OR ANOTHER RESOLUTION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA AND THAT WHEN FOR ONCE MEXICO ASKS HELP IT GETS A MERE NEUTRAL RESPONSE. (I GUESS IT DEPENDS FROM WHICH SIDE ONE LOOKS AT THINGS...).

3. I CALMED HIM ASSURING HIM THAT WHILE WE HAD NOT YET DECIDED THAT WE COULD PROVIDE ACTIVE SUPPORT, THE MATTER WAS STILL UNDER STUDY, THAT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IT WAS BETTER TO LET THE DUST SETTLE A LITTLE BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION AND THAT IN ANY CASE WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT THE GOM HAD TAKEN AN INITIATIVE WHICH WAS INTENDED TO OFFER THE POSSIBILITY OF AMELIORATING TENSIONS IN THE AREA.

4. RABASA RETURNED TO HIS USUAL GOOD HUMOR BUT AT THE END OF THE EVENING URGED THAT WE LOOK POSITIVELY ON THE MEXICAN RESOLUTION AND USE OUR INFLUENCE WITH OUR "PETS" THE GUATEMALANS AND PARTICULARLY THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY (WITH WHICH HE SEEMED TO THINK WE HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP) AND WITH BRITAIN. HE TOLD ME THAT ECHEVERRIA IS CONSIDERING VISITING BELIZE AFTER GUATEMALA (SEE SEPTTEL).
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